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SUBJ: UMBA REQUEST

1. DURING VISIT OF DESK OFFICER GALLAGHER IN JUNE, GECAMINES DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA REQUESTED THAT GALLAGHER APPROACH THE BUREAU OF MINES AND ASK IF THE BUREAU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING A TRAINING PROGRAM IN SHABA FOR GECAMINES. UMBA SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 10 INSTRUCTORS AND THAT GECAMINES WAS WILLING TO DO IT ON A COST REIMBURSEABLE BASIS.

2. GALLAGHER CONTACTED MR. LARRY NAHAI, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUREAU OF MINES. MR. NAHAI, AFTER CONSIDERING THE PROPOSAL FOR A FEW DAYS, SAID THAT HE WAS SORRY BUT THAT THE BUREAU HAD NEVER ATTEMPTED SUCH A VENTURE BEFORE, AND HE THOUGHT
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IT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT IF AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

UNDERTOOK THE PROJECT. HE SUGGESTED THE UNIVERSITIES OF ARIZONA, ROLLA-MISSOURI, NEVADA AND UTAH, MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES. HE GAVE GALLAGHER THE NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATE DEANS TO CONTACT.

3. DEPARTMENT THINKS IT APPROPRIATE THAT BEFORE CONTACTING ANY OF THESE INSTITUTIONS, IT WOULD BE WISE TO APPROACH UMBA AND EXPLAIN CURRENT SITUATION. DEPARTMENT IS READY TO APPROACH UNIVERSITIES MENTIONED (AND ANY OTHER UMBA MAY DESIRE) TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING SUCH A PROGRAM.

4. UMBA ALSO PROMISED GALLAGHER THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE LIST OF TYPES OF PERSONNEL DESIRED AND, PERHAPS, A MORE DEFINED SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. DEPARTMENT WOULD FIND IT USEFUL, IF POSSIBLE, TO HAVE MORE DETAILS OF UMBA'S IDEAS BEFORE APPROACHING ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED INSTITUTIONS. KISSINGER

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